

THE NATION'S LOSS.
President James A. Garfield died after a heroic battle of eighty days for life he passed away last night at ten o'clock and thirty-five minutes. From the time his body received the bullet his physicians declared that all depended upon his strength and powers of endurance, and these, like his courage and Christian hope, were great. The prayers of the people were with him in the grand struggle between life and death; and when his physician once told him he had only one chance in a hundred of living, he manfully replied: "Then we will go in on that chance." All these things touched the hearts of millions, and turned their admiration and regard to warm and anxious affection for the wounded President.

But the assassin's bullet did its work, and the long days of pain and mortal peril have passed, and the Nation is bowed in grief. James A. Garfield was a grand type of American citizenship. His honest, open, noble nature, his genial friendliness, his quick sympathy with all classes and conditions of men, had as much endeared him to our affections as his genius, learning, statesmanship, and great services had commended him to the admiration of the country. He was the people's President, one of them in his birth, in his early struggles, in his honorable success, and in his sturdy character and mind. He won by his splendid talents and unflinching industry a place far beyond the reach of competition, and was finally elevated to the highest political station upon earth; and yet when raised so high by the free choice of the people, he never lost the popular qualities which rendered him truly great, and an object of hearty personal regard among the millions to whom he was really a name and a type of greatness due to merit and to labor.

One can hardly follow him from the attempted assassination on the second day of last July to his death on the night of the nineteenth of September, without the deepest sympathy mingled with tears. His was a matchless struggle between life and death, and through it all there was his calm resignation; his absence of all feeling of resentment against the assassin; the knightly devotion with which his first care was given to breaking the sad news and sending his love to his faithful wife; his words of comfort to his weeping children; his cheerful serenity with his friends at his bedside; and his constant courage and indomitable will.

The pain of his loss seems therefore a sorrow too great to be borne. He has been cut down in the hour of his great triumph, and why so good a man—a man whose life has been stressless and full of splendid deeds—should be taken away by the bullet of a cowardly assassin, is past comprehension. But the worst has come. The shadows have closed over him at last. Garfield died amid the prayers and tears of the whole American people.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR.
In the midst of its mighty grief the Nation has carefully scanned the man who was made by the votes of the people the constitutional successor of the martyred dead. No man in our history has more grandly stood the close scrutiny that has been given to his every act and word for the past eighty days. If he were a vain, weak, pretentious or weak man—a mere politician and figurehead—he must long ago have broken down and his name have become a byword and a hissing. But now the scene of this cruel tragedy to the very last, the eyes of the people, looking through their tears, have seen in all the noble simplicity of a resolute manhood that mightiest of all royal orders—the perfect gentleman.


The Nation yields to him the scepter of power, not reluctantly and fearfully, but knowing now, if not before, that General Arthur is every inch a manly man. To those who know him there was no need of this crucial test which he has been submitted. A man of liberal education, of scholarly tastes and habits, of great personal dignity; a lawyer of the first rank, and an executive officer unrivalled in his great State; a private life as stainless as the best and a public one against which no breath of slander has ever found a moment's lodgment; a man true to his friends and whose friends are true to him—this briefly is Chester A. Arthur to those who have never known him through all the years of his busy life.

A NATION WEEPS
The Long Struggle of the Nation's President for Life Ended at Last.
He Passes Away at Ten O'clock and Thirty-Five Minutes Without a Struggle.
The Final Scenes at the Bedside of a Sad and Sorrowful Nature.
The Last Hours of the Dying President Painless and Serenely Calm.
He Woke from a Deep Sleep Pressed His Hands on His Breast, and Expired.
His Poor Wife Failed to Reach the Death-Bed While He Was Conscious.
The Terrible Shock Which the Sad News Caused Throughout the Union.
Mrs. Garfield Reported to be in a Very Critical Condition.
General Arthur Sworn in as President at Quarter Past Two This Morning.
Preparations for the Removal of the Body and the Funeral Ceremonies.
The Solemn Services to Take Place at Cleveland Next Monday.
A SAD DOCUMENT.
The Official Announcement of the Death of President Garfield.
The President died at 10:35 p. m. After the bulletin was issued at 7:30 this evening, the President continued in much the same condition as during the afternoon, the pulse varying from 102 to 106, with rather increased force and volume. After taking nourishment he fell into a quiet sleep. After thirty-five minutes before his death, and while asleep his pulse rose to 120, and was somewhat more feeble. At ten minutes after 10 o'clock he awoke, complaining of severe pain over the region of the heart, and almost immediately became unconscious, and ceased to breathe at 10:35.
(Sig. ad.)
D. W. BLISS,
F. H. HAMILTON,
D. HAYES AGNEW.

THE COURIER OF DEATH.
MacVeagh's Statement.
LONG BRANCH, Sept. 19.—Attorney General MacVeagh came to the Elberon from the President's cottage at 11:20 p. m., and made the following statement: "I sent my dispatch to Minister Lowell at 10 o'clock. Before that time Dr. Bliss had seen the President and ascertained that his pulse was 106 and his respiration and temperature nearly normal. He asked the President if he felt uncomfortable, and he replied,
NOT IN THE SLIGHTEST DEGREE.
Everything indicated a promising night. Shortly afterwards the President fell asleep, and Dr. Bliss retired to a room adjoining across the hall. General Swaim and Colonel Rockwell remained in the sick chamber for the night watch. About 10:10 the President woke and said to Swaim that he was
SUFFERING GREAT PAIN.
He seemed to be dying, and could speak only with great difficulty. He indicated the neighborhood of the pain by laying his hand over his heart. Bliss was summoned immediately. He hurriedly drew on his trousers and rushed into the sick-room. When he entered he found the President unconscious. He had no pulse, and the action of the heart was almost indistinguishable. Bliss said at once that the President was dying, and Mrs. Garfield and Drs. Agnew and Hamilton were summoned. The President remained in a dying condition until 10:35 o'clock, when life was pronounced extinct. The immediate cause of his death has not been determined, but it is thought to be auralgia of the heart.
THE VICE PRESIDENT
was notified by me by telegraph immediately. I also tried to notify Secretaries Blaine and Lincoln, who were on the train coming from Boston to New York. I sent for the members of the cabinet at the West End hotel. They arrived here as soon as possible, and are now at the President's cottage. We are in consultation, and will let the public know the result of our deliberations. I have telegraphed Minister Lowell."

THE DEATH-BED.
Garfield's Last Words—His Complaints of a Pain in the Region of the Heart—The Death Scene.
LONG BRANCH, Sept. 19.—The President's death, the only words spoken by the President were that he had a severe pain in his heart. It is supposed by the surgeons that death was occasioned by a clot of blood forming in the heart. Dr. Bliss was the first one notified of the President's expression of pain, and, upon entering the room, he at once saw the end was near. The members of the family were immediately summoned to the bedside. All arrived, and perfect quiet prevailed.
MRS. GARFIELD
bore the trying ordeal with great fortitude and exhibited unprecedented courage. She gave way to no paroxysms of grief, and after death became evident, she quietly withdrew to her own room. There she sat, a heart-stricken widow, full of grief, but with too much courage to exhibit it to those about her. She was laboring under a terrible strain, and, despite her efforts, tears flowed from her eyes, and her lips became drawn by her noble attempt to bear the burden with which she had been afflicted. Miss Molloy was greatly affected, and bursts of tears flowed from the child's eyes, notwithstanding her noble effort to follow the example of her mother.
THE DEATH SCENE
was one never to be forgotten. Perfect quiet prevailed, and there was not a murmur heard while the President was sinking.
After death had been pronounced the body was properly arranged by Dr. S. A. Boynton. Telegrams were immediately sent to the President's mother in Ohio and to the sons Harry and James, who are now at Williams College, as also to Vice President Arthur, and other prominent public men. Mr. Morris, the undertaker of the village, will be in charge of the remains. Eugene Britton, coroner of Monmouth county, will hold an inquest over the body of the late President. He has as yet made no arrangements for the inquest, and as far as can be ascertained, has not been notified of the President's death.
ELBERON EXCITED.
Notifying the Cabinet—The Scenes in and Around the President's Cottage.
LONG BRANCH, Sept. 19.—The scenes around the West End and Elberon when the news of the President's death was received are indescribable. The news was first received from the telegraph operator at Elberon. The Western Union company sent its agent through the corridors of the West End, notifying everybody whom he met. A dash was made by the people for the carriage stand, and in a moment Ocean avenue was crowded with vehicles going all hopped to the Elberon. The news was bawled from the carriages to the few people on the streets, and the procession of carriages was joined in with by a crowd of
BREATHLESS PEDESTRIANS
rushing down the street as fast as their legs could carry them. The members of the cabinet were sitting on the porch of the West End Annex when Jameson, Assistant Superintendent of the railway mail service, rushed up and informed them that the President was dead. Almost at the same time they received Mr. MacVeagh's message calling them to Elberon. Carriages were summoned, and they were driven to their destination at breakneck speed. Attorney General MacVeagh met them on the piazza. Tears were flowing from Mr. James' eyes. Mr. Kirkwood was pale and nervous; he seemed almost prostrated by the sad news. Mr. Hunt was weeping. Secretary Windom walked with bowed head, and seemed crushed by the dreaded intelligence. None of them said a word to the crowds of people that instantly surrounded them. At a signal from Mr. MacVeagh they stepped off the porch into the darkness, and walked over to the cottage. They were halted by a sentry, but Mr. MacVeagh gave the password, and they were then allowed to enter.

There will then be present Dr. Curtis, of Washington, who has been requested to attend, Drs. Agnew, Hamilton, and Bliss, as well as Surgeon General Barnes and Mrs. Woodburn and Reyburn, who, until very recently attended upon the President.
MRS. GARFIELD
is bearing her affliction with the fortitude for which she was so remarkable during her long and terrible trial.
Special to the Gazette.
LONG BRANCH, Sept. 20, 3 p. m.—Mrs. Garfield has directed that everything connected with the funeral shall be as private and unostentatious as the circumstances will admit.
The train will go back to Washington by the same route it came and only the physicians and cabinet will accompany it. The press will not be allowed on the train.
MacVeagh says he doesn't think there will be any formal inquest.
OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED.
Vice President Arthur Officially Notified by the Cabinet.
LONG BRANCH, N. J., September 20, 12:25 a. m.—Attorney General MacVeagh has just sent the following to Vice President Arthur:
It becomes our painful duty to inform you of the death of President Garfield, and to advise you to take the oath of office as President of the United States without delay. If it concerns with your judgment, we will be very glad if you will come here on the first train to-morrow morning.
WILLIAM WINDOM,
Secretary of the Treasury,
W. H. HUNT,
Secretary of the Navy,
THOMAS L. JAMES,
Postmaster General,
WAYNE MACVEAGH,
Attorney General,
S. J. KIRKWOOD,
Secretary of the Interior.
ARTHUR IS PRESIDENT.
He Was Sworn In Early This Morning.
New York, Sept. 20.—3:15 a. m.—In accordance with the dispatch received from the cabinet in regard to taking the oath of office, messengers were sent to the different Judges of the Supreme Court. The first to put in an appearance was Judge John R. Brady, who was closely followed by Justice Donahue. The party, consisting of the Vice President and Judges named, besides District Attorney Rollins, Eltham Root, and the eldest son of the now President, assembled in the front parlor of No. 123 Lexington avenue—General Arthur's residence—where the oath of office was administered, and he became President of the United States.
The President has not signified his intention as to when he would visit the capital, and he declined to be interviewed as to his future course.
SWORN IN.
Special to the Gazette.
New York, Sept. 20.—General Arthur was sworn in as President of the United States at 2:15 a. m., at his residence, by Judges Brady and Donahue, of the Supreme Court of New York, he standing by the library table, under the gaslight in the presence of a few friends. President Arthur raised his right hand and said in a clear voice: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the United States."
President Arthur sent a message to the cabinet, acknowledging an invitation to Long Branch, and expressing his sorrow and sympathy.
ARTHUR AT LONG BRANCH.
Special to the Gazette.
LONG BRANCH, September 20.—President Arthur arrived shortly after 1 o'clock p. m., and was met at the depot by Attorney General MacVeagh with a carriage, and was driven to the latter's cottage.



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